



Caribbean Carnival of Manchester

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Carnival Board Meeting 24th May 2018

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Overview of carnival 2018
3. CCom meeting results with MCC events update.
4. Review of membership, updates to public website & social networks.
5. CCom restructuring, (allocations/tasking) and responsibilities.
6. AOB

Attendance

Nicole Gardener – Secretary
Kemoy Walker – Youth officer
Mike Bisson - Chair
Rupert Hendrickson – Treasurer – Overnight security
John Silcott - Assistant Treasurer and Site Manager
Darren Fletcher – Events manager (Not in attendance in 2018)
Arthur mottershead – Parade and Volunteers
Sam Brown – Production Manager
Leslie Bell – Apology's - Parade Manager
Robert Bisson – CCOM Volunteer (Non Voter)
Wallace Patrick – Apology's Illness – Stall and Site

Minutes

In the year 2020 – It will be the 50th Anniversary of the Manchester Carnival.

- **Darren:** Feedback from last year 2017 - Went exceptionally well, due to the increase efforts of security, due to having council staff, Steve West, absolutely 0 problems, usual bits that happen in Carnival, the mood was relax, due to increased security, it was well run, things worked properly. From the briefings, there was 0 arrest and 0 violence, nothing much of big worry.

- **Mikey:** The security bill was high due to the arena attack, the Libyan boys who were attacking the black young men in the community, over different reasons, trying to claim territory, they wanted to claim areas to fund other activities.

I have explained that they didn't need that many security, we ended up in deficit. It depends on what bill we have this year, we have the fairground, the bowling green will have a radio station from London, gaining thousands of people, we have the Bajan corner, the European corner, trying to attract more crowd. We have St Johns, McMillian nurses, GMP fire services, a mock up car, blast tent, all about science, ran by a young lady, she wanted to do something different. We have the Saturday school and Science tent which attracted a lot of young kids highly popular!

- The toilets and café were well utilised. The main stage, Sam brown and Kemoy worked on and was very popular, particularly when the parade came back in.
- **Kemoy and Sam** will check the other stages to make sure they are alright.
- The soul corner is a new introduction to the carnival.
- The cotton rooms, the funky house music, drum and bass. Due to the messing around we might bring back Unity.
- Spoke to Dawn from Legacy FM about having a stage but she couldn't afford the staging.
- The African corner is the biggest corner; the Egress needs to be clear where the red arrows are.
- We have the Jamaica Twist corner from London, extremely busy and Lively!
- Rum beat corner with bashment and reggae it was very popular. The 2-new corner are the European corner and the Soul Corner.
- The Council have mentioned other options to enter through the carnival gates to cut down large queue's
- Applications for memberships is on the website. People can get the applications at the phone etc.
- Would like to thank MCC for their Massive support.
- **Mike** and Arthur will oversee the memberships.
- **Darren** has asked for a separate independent committee for memberships.

- **Rupert** will chair the Membership committee along with John Silcott and Mike Bisson
- Committee “what is the motive of joining?” You need to have the skills and Passion to become a member and contribution to Carnival, knowledge of Caribbean culture and heritage.
- Volunteers needed to help the carnival advance and provide a good service.
- Members will be carefully vetted.
- You have to be in it for Carnival and no other motive.
- We got the letter for Carnival 2018, we have the go-ahead, we have the guidelines and information to move forward.
- **Mikey** will keep working with Neville, for the Multi Agency Meeting where all board members have a duty to attend.
- We covered membership, the restructuring is still undergoing, we are yet to meet with other people, I.e. traffic partners for the route, the route remains the same.
- **Arthur** has mentioned that we are the first Caribbean Carnival in the world that uses hell’s angels, bikers to lead the parade and keep health and safety at the forefront.
- **Mikey** to ask Paul F for the flashing lights.
- **John** will be running the Windrush Soca Tent.
- **Nicola** will help with the VIP
- **Sam and Kemoy** to work on sound and ensuring everything is good, Sam is senior and Kemoy to Partner.
- Flamez will not being involved, using different names in the world - Brandon Ryan Joseph and Eddie Capolo.
- The council said because Darren is on holiday, the Carnival will be given help to find an events manager.
- **Mike** asked for a vote of confidence, from the board to be able to continue as chair due to the unsolicited rumours. unanimously carried.
- **Mike** has said it clear that he is looking at retiring after the 50th Anniversary of the Carnival in 2020 and he would like to be more of a consultant to CCOM, he wanted young blood and a new board for future development.

- **Darren** has mentioned that Carnival has been incredible and Mike has done well. He mentioned that he feels that carnival needs to come out of Alexandra Park due to size.
- **Mike** has mentioned that one thing as chair, it's not Moss Side Carnival, it is Manchester Carnival, we had lots of people coming from all over the UK and Beyond. The local community has to adapt to the new way of how carnival runs.
- **Mike** wants everyone to be included.
- Every other carnival is closing; Manchester carnival is strong and thriving.
- **Mike Bisson** would like to thank CCoM board members, Manchester city council and GMP for the wonderful efforts they made in 2017 and long continue.
- Meeting Closed by chair of Carnival Mike Bisson